

Wisconsin Agency Content Management System

Reusable Content in SharePoint

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About Reusable Content

Reusable content is "single-source content" which is created and edited in a single location and then can be reused across multiple places. The original item in the Reusable Content Library is the "parent" item, and instances where it is used on various locations throughout the site are called "children". A change to the "parent" will be reflected in all instances where the "children" appear when "Automatic Update" is selected in the parent.

Important!

You should not let all authors edit the content in the Reusable Content Library, because a change to a reusable content item in that library will be reflected across all pages where that reusable content item has been placed if "Automatic Update" is selected for that item. You should designate one or two people who can edit the reusable content library items, and understand the implications for the "children" of that item.

Editing Reusable Content

To edit an item in the reusable content library, locate the item and select ellipsis ==> Edit item

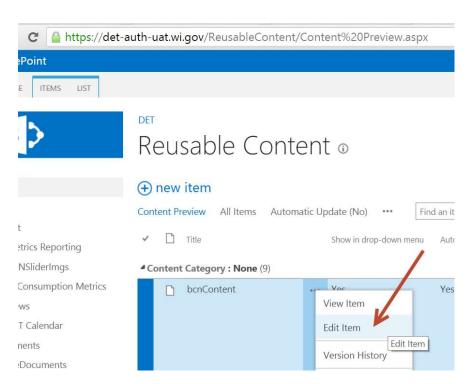


Figure 1 Opening an item to edit it

When the item is opened for editing, the fields associated with it are visible and can be changed.

NOTE: The fields will vary depending on the type of reusable content item.

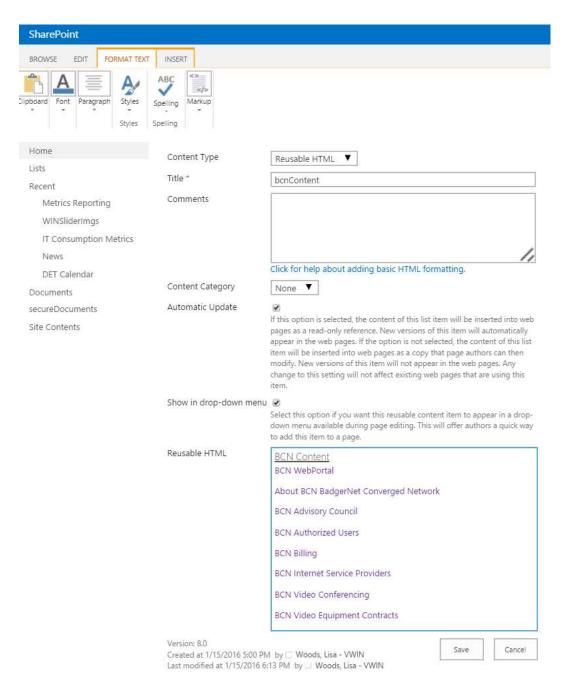


Figure 2 Example reusable left navigation

Edit the fields; for a reusable left navigation item like the one shown edit the reusable HTML by clicking in the Reusable HTML field and editing the HTML directly using Edit Source in the Format Text tab on the ribbon bar, and by inserting links using the Insert Link button on the Insert tab on the ribbon bar.



Figure 3 Format text tab and Edit source button

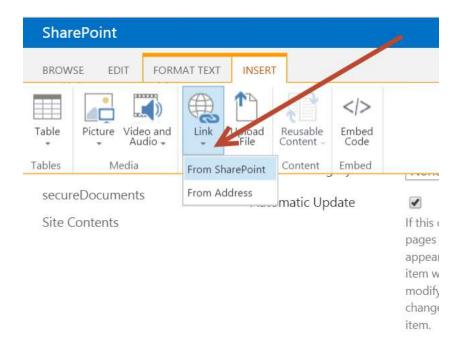


Figure 4 Insert Link button on the Insert tab

When you are finished, click Save. For items with the "Automatic Update" selected, the changes will be reflected on all "child" items of the parent you edited.

Inserting Reusable Content

To insert a reusable content item on a page, open the page for editing, and place your cursor where you want to insert the reusable content item. Select Reusable Content in the Insert tab on the ribbon bar, and select the reusable content item you wish to insert.



Figure 5 Inserting a reusable content item